



Dear Customer

At the Post Office we are continually looking to refresh our network and ensure we meet our customer needs. I'm therefore pleased to let you know that we are planning to open a new Post Office in your area in Spar Store, Unit 1, Battle Walk, Lansdown, Bath, BA1 9AX, on Monday 20 May 2024 at 13:00.

The service will be one of our local style branches with a low-screened, open-plan Post Office service point carefully integrated into the retail counter. Customers will be able to carry out a wide range of Post Office transactions alongside retail purchases. The new service will offer long opening hours, with the Post Office opening hours in line with the retail business.

Details of the opening hours and the key products and services that will be available are provided overleaf. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested to hear about the new service. If there are any unforeseen changes which mean these dates change, posters will be displayed in store to let customers know.

We're carrying out this notification in line with our Principles of Community Engagement. An extract relating to Notification is available at the end of this letter.

We hope that you and the local community will support the Post Office network in your area.

Yours faithfully

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<b>Post Office opening times &amp; services available</b>
Monday – Saturday 07:00 – 22:00 Sunday 08:00 – 20:00
<b>Mail</b>
First & Second Class mail
Stamps, stamp books (1st class 6 & 12 only, 2nd class 12 only)
Special stamps (Christmas issue only) & postage labels
Signed For
Special Delivery
Home shopping returns
Inland small, medium & large parcels
Express & contract parcels
British Forces Mail (BFPO)
International letters & postcards (inc. Tracked & Signed)
International parcels up to 2kg & printed papers up to 5kg
Articles for the blind (inland & international)
Royal Mail redirection service
Local Collect
Drop & Go
<b>Withdrawals, deposits and payments</b>
Post Office Card Account
Personal & Business Banking cash withdrawals, deposits & balance enquiries using a card. Also enveloped cheque deposits and barcoded deposit slips.
Postal orders
Moneygram
Automated bill payments (card or barcoded)
Key recharging
<b>Travel</b>
Pre-order travel money
Travel insurance referral
Mobile Top-ups & E vouchers
<b>Cheques are NOT accepted as a method of payment</b>
<b>For information about product availability call 03457 22 33 44. For details of maximum value of transactions, please speak to the operator.</b>

## **Principles of Community Engagement on changes to the Post Office network (extract)**

A full version of this document is available on our Consultation Hub - [postofficeviews.co.uk](https://postofficeviews.co.uk)

**We are committed to engaging and supporting our customers and their representatives as we make changes to the Post Office network. The following Principles will be adopted when communicating about changes to your local Post Office branch.**

We will **Notify** - where we are informing customers of changes around:

- Opening hours
- Unplanned closure<sup>1</sup>/planned service interruption
- Re-opening of a closed branch in the same site
- Opening a new branch unrelated to a previous closure
- Location used by a Mobile Post Office within a community
- Franchising of a Directly Managed branch in its existing site where there are no changes to access to the Post Office serving point

We will display a poster in branch (or nearby if appropriate) to notify customers of the above changes, aiming to provide four weeks' notice. Four weeks' notice may not be possible for an unplanned change, and in these instances, we will provide notice as soon as we are able to. For closures we will include details of the nearest alternative Post Offices and our customer helpline/textphone.

We notify locally elected representatives including but are not restricted to the Member of Parliament, Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, or Northern Ireland Assembly, Local Authority Chief Executive, Ward Councillors, Parish or Community Council, selected charities, local Citizens Advice, Age UK, Northern Ireland's Disability Action and Northern Ireland's Rural Community Network. They are also encouraged to share all information additionally with local groups and organisations who they believe have an active interest in changes to their local Post Office.

**These Principles have been agreed with Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland and the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland, the independent statutory consumer watchdogs.**

### What to do if you feel these Principles haven't been followed:

Please get in touch so we can investigate your complaint. We'll explain in our reply whether we believe we have followed our Principles of Community Engagement and will provide you with the contact details for the relevant consumer watchdog (Citizens Advice, Consumer Scotland, or the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland) if you're not satisfied with our response. The watchdog will independently assess whether we have followed the Principles of Community Engagement process (rather than the decision itself) and recommend any actions with respect to the complaint.

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<sup>1</sup>Where the closure is unplanned, the service provision in the area will be reviewed based on current usage, modelling and availability of any suitable replacement or alternative service model. A commercial decision will be made if to actively seek to replace the closed service and will not be subject to public consultation.